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MEMORANDUM FOR: CPP

SUBJECT: CIA Recommendation for Broadening the Scope
of the SEATO Committee on Counter-Subversion

1. In view of the meeting with General Truscott on 12 December 1955 on the overall subject of our relations with the Department of Defense on SEATO matters, I believe it advisable that you be furnished the attached copy of the letter from the Director to the Secretary of Defense with regard to broadening the scope of the SEATO Committee on Counter-Subversion and the attachments to it which outline our proposal.

2. On Attachment No. 2, you will note that one of the four major committees is designated as the Information, Cultural, Education, Labor Committee and that it is proposed that there be a subcommittee under the Counter-Subversion Committee bearing the same designation. It is my strong feeling, based on my experience in the Far East, which has been substantiated by conversations in various SEATO meetings here in Washington, that it is both wrong and dangerous to group labor matters with information, cultural, and education matters. I am quite sure that you will agree and I am calling it to your attention now since the whole question of the reorganization of the Counter-Subversion Committee may come up at a high level at any time and it would be desirable to have this pointed out at that time.


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